GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF ONION
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the variety-wise total quantity of onion exported during each of the last three years;

(b) whether there is persistent demand particularly from rose onion growers to increase the export quota of onions;

(c) if so the details thereof; and

(d) the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) : Variety-wise export data of onion is not maintained by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Kolkatta. Total quantity of onion including Big/Bellary onion, Bangalore rose, Krishnapuram onion exported during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is as follows:

YEAR	QUANTITY (Metric Tons)
1998-99	2,15,694
1999-2000	2,60,475
2000-01 (upto Feb. 2001)	2,98,041

Source : DGCI&S, Kolkatta

(b) : Export of Rose Onion is allowed freely without any quantitative restrictions and hence question ofdemand for increasing the export quota for Rose onion does not arise.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.